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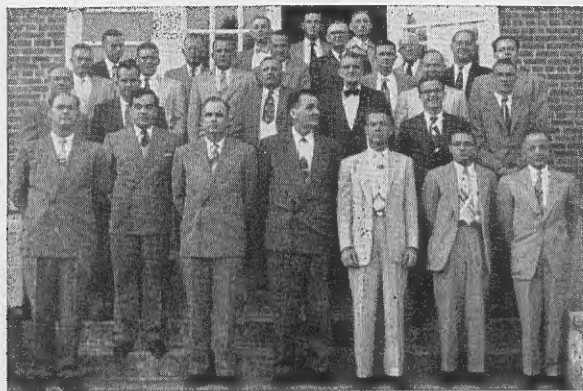
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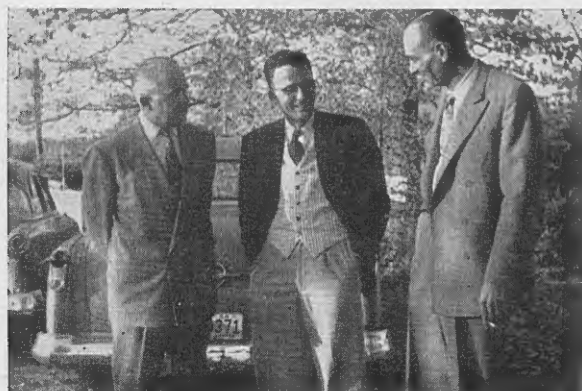


Laymen who attended the School of Churchmanship at Southern Union College.

Laymen's activities throughout the Convention are increasing in tempo. On Sunday, Nov. 7, thirty laymen gathered at Southern Union College for the second School of Churchmanship. During the afternoon two seminars were held. The one on "Prayer" was led by the Rev. W. W. Elder and James Dollar. The Rev. Goff Bedford and Pressley Ingram conducted the seminar on "The Holy Bible". After the fellowship meal in the college dining hall, Superintendent Erston M. Butterfield led in a devotional service.

Kentucky-Tennessee Laymen

On the following Saturday, Nov. 13, the laymen and ministers of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference held a rally at the Crossville First Church. Again there were about thirty in attendance. Guest leaders at the Crossville session included Walter Graham, National Director of the Laymen's Fellowship; Herman D. Cook, Convention president of Laymen's Fellowship; Frank Gordon, Layman-at-large for the Georgia Conference; and Charlie Miller of the Lanett Fellowship. Arthur Snell of Nashville, vice-president of the Convention Laymen's Fellowship, moderated the entire meeting. During the session a constitution for the



Left to right: Walter Graham, National Director of Laymen's Fellowship with the Convention Moderator Lowell A. Smoot and Arthur Snell in informal discussion.

Kentucky-Tennessee Laymen's Fellowship was adopted and the following officers elected: Lewis Hair of Daisy, president; T. L. Cunningham of Pleasant Hill, vice president; and G. M. Humble of Stearns, secretary-treasurer.

After the organizational meeting a banquet was served by the women of the Crossville Church.

The proceeds, according to their wishes, were designated for "Our Christian World Mission". A standing vote of thanks was given to the host pastor, the Rev. Abram Nightingale, and the Crossville Church for the excellent hospitality.

With increasing interest and activity, the Laymen's Fellowship is becoming an ever more important factor in the Southeast Convention's Program of Advance.

Chicago Meeting

A number of laymen and ministers from the Southeast Convention are planning to attend the first nation-wide meeting of Congregational Christian Churchmen to be held in Chicago, Ill., Feb. 25-27. We should be well represented by as many laymen as possible.

For further information and registration blanks, write to Herman D. Cook, 1110 North 3rd St., Lanett, Ala.; or to Walter Graham, Pembroke, Ky.



Left to right: Walter Graham and the new officers of the Kentucky-Tennessee Laymen's Fellowship: T. L. Cunningham, vice-president; Lewis Hair, president; and George M. Humble, secretary-treasurer.

CHRISTMAS AND YOU



YOU should regard Christmas as an occasion for clearing your heart of all grudges, for forgiving all offenses and all enemies. It is a good time to forget and to forgive, a good time to forget self and think of others.

CONVOCATION AND PASTOR'S SCHOOL



Left to right: Dr. Van Cleave at registration desk, as Rev. Henry Weaver (seated) and Rev. Lowell Smoot sign up for courses, and Rev. Carl Dollar.

The second in a continuing series of Convocations and Ministerial Training School programs was held the week of Nov. 29 through Dec. 3. Twenty-six ordained and licensed ministers were on hand for this important event, which is sponsored jointly by the Southeast Convention Committee on the Ministry (Dr. Thos. Anderson, Chairman) and the Southern Union College.

Dean A. R. Van Cleave of Southern Union acted as registrar for the school. Dr. Van Cleave is also a member of the Convention Committee on the Ministry which planned the courses.

The two courses being offered during this six



In the lounge of Kimball Hall, left to right: Reverends Ralph Worley, Otto Culpepper, Bill Traylor, Andrew Nelson, and Earl Hand



Dean Van Cleave (seated) conferring with the two instructors, Rev. Carl Dollar and President Clyde C. Flannery.

month semester are "The Minister and His Church" taught by the Rev. C. Carl Dollar, and "The New Testament" taught by President Clyde C. Flannery, who was appointed to take the course originally assigned to Dr. James A. Fraser, when the latter's illness prevented him from attending. Each class convened for a two-hour session in the morning, followed by a directed study period in the afternoon.

Also on the afternoon schedule was a rest period and an hour and a half of directed recreation—horse shoes, ping pong, shuffleboard, chess, and a few more active group games.

Each evening Superintendent Erston M. Butterfield led a discussion on some phase of ministerial responsibility-- publicity and promotion, ministerial ethics, and how to help others.

Each morning the ministers met in the chapel

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BETWEEN CLASSES

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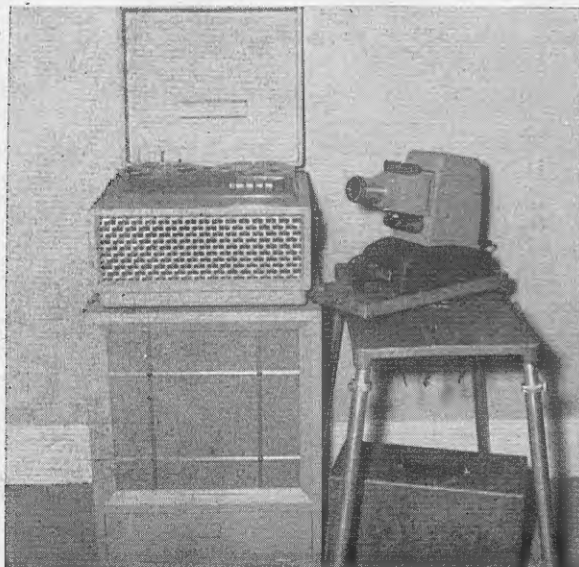
Convention Receives Gift

Shown are two valuable pieces of equipment purchased by the Convention as a result of generous gifts received from Dr. Erston L. Marshall of Lafayette, Indiana and the Alabama Women's Fellowship.

The tape recorder is an Ampro HiFi two-speed machine ideally suited for all our recording needs and is adapted for office dictation. Its uses are many and varied making it a very valuable addition to our office equipment.

The other machine is a 500 watt tri-purpose slide and filmstrip projector made by American Optical Company.

Together, these two pieces of equipment cost approximately \$375. They will be most helpful in our association, conference and Convention programs, and will be available for use among our churches under the supervision of the Convention Committee. We greatly appreciate the generosity of Dr. Marshall and the Alabama Women which made these purchases possible.



Greetings From Loretta

2/Lt. Loretta V. Petersen, formerly our Director of Christian Education and now with the Air Force in the Philippine Islands as a flight evacuation nurse, requests that we pass along her Christmas greetings to all and include her present address so that her friends may write to her: 2/Lt. Loretta V. Petersen, 6208 USAF Hospital, APO 74, San Francisco, Calif. Excerpts from her latest letter follow:

"Deep in the jungles, in the heart of Luzon Island, hotter than Hades, too close to our nearest neighbor, Formosa, and only a stone's throw from Indo-China-- rooming with lizards and huge bugs in an open-air quonset-- you'll find your friend, Loretta!

"Clark Field is snuggled in the arms of the loveliest mountains on three sides-- the other side is bordered with miles of rice paddies which eventually end in more mountains. I'm so thankful there are mountains here! The saying 'A mountain has no need for words-- it says so much without them' . . . is certainly true.

"I was fascinated by the typhoons. The wild creatures came out of the woods, the many strange and beautiful birds came and for two days before the storm chattered madly. The day of the typhoon everything was still and silent. Then with a gentle breeze at first and later with great gusto, here came "Typhoon Ruby". Trees were lashed about swatting the ground . . . the banana trees reminded me of a beautiful ballet . . . so graceful were their movements! The tumult of the clouds was a sight to behold. . . I couldn't take my eyes away from them. The lightning streaked across the sky, the thunder rolled and bobbed and rolled . . . and then the rains came! My, it rained for four days!

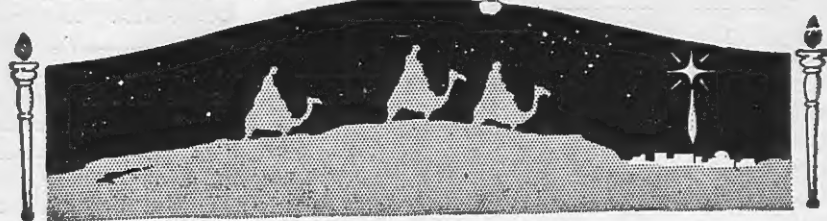
"The Philippino people are grand. In just the short time I've been here I've already grown to love them. Their willingness to teach and help . . . excellent sense of humor . . . thoroughness in ev-

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LORETTA PETERSEN

— SUPERINTENDENT'S PAGE —



The Way to Find a King

God sent a gleaming Christmas star
To guide the Wise Men from afar
Across the desert's trackless space
Unto the manger's holy place.
The Wise Men found the new-born king
Because they did the wisest thing
By following the trail of light
God gave to guide them through the night.

If, through the maze of life's long way,
We follow faithfully each day
The days of light which shine afar
From earth's first guiding Christmas star,
The gleam of light our Father sends
To guide us on to higher ends,
We, too, shall find the heavenly King
And, finding Him, have everything.

—Author Unknown



It is our fondest wish and fervent prayer that
together we may follow the guiding Christmas
star which will bring us to the King.

Erston and Isabel Butterfield

Carl and Florence Dollar

Ed and Montez Albright

"OUR DECISION"

Central Alabama Association (100%)

Clanton, East View	\$ 30
East Tallassee, Liberty	510
Eclectic, Union	24
Eclectic, Watson Chapel	60
Mt. Creek, Union	30
Seman, Balm of Gilead	36
Seman, Community	25
Tallassee, Mt. Olive	100
Thorsby, United	250
(1953-- \$376)	\$1,065

East Alabama Association

Alexander City, Antioch*	5
Alexander City, Hunt Memorial	60
Ashland, Bethel	144
Cragford, Mt. Carmel*	7
Dadeville, Elder	70
Daviston, McGuire's Chapel*	20
Delta, Wesley's Chapel	25
Five Points, State Line*	43
Goodwater, Oak Hill*	5
Lafayette, Pleasant Grove	60
LaGrange, Hillside	150
Lanett	1,500
Lanett, Highway	60
Langdale	800
Lineville, Dingler's Chapel	25
Lineville, New Harmony	48
Lineville, Shady Grove	25
Lineville, Spring Hill	35
Phenix City, United*	359
Pisgah*	5
Roanoke, First*	69
Roanoke, Antioch	204
Roanoke, Bethany*	15
Roanoke, Forest Home*	23
Roanoke, Lowell	60
Roanoke, Mt. Zion*	20
Roanoke, New Hope	120
Roanoke, Rock Springs*	13
Roanoke, Rock Stand	60
Shawmut, Todd	120
Wadley	180
Wadley, Beulah*	10
Wadley, Corinth*	11
Wedowee, Caver's Grove*	9
Wedowee, Noonday	60
West Point, Bethel	120
(1953 - \$3,281)	\$4,520

North Alabama Association

Arley, Robertson's Chapel	20
Birmingham, Pilgrim	900
Garden City	182
Hackleburg, Fairview	25
Haleyville, Rock Springs (inactive)	
Haleyville, Union Grove	25
Hamilton, Mt. Carmel (inactive)	
Hanceville, Mountain Grove	75
Houston, Liberty Hill	24
Moulton, Bethlehem	25

Mounton, Mt. Moriah	25
Steele, Mt. Lebanon	24
Town Creek, Liberty	20
Trinity, Friendship (Caddo)	25
(1953 - \$794)	\$1,370

South Alabama - NW Florida Association

Andalusia, Antioch	216
Andalusia, Coldwater*	15
Andalusia, First	60
Andalusia, New Home*	15
Brantley, Indian Creek - Community	20
Brantley, Liberty	20
Clio, New Hope	120
Headland, Blackwood	126
Midland City, Christian Hill	27
Baker, Good Hope	120
Baker, Pyron's Chapel	60
Bonifay, New Effort	122
Crestview Dorcas	120
(1953 - \$340)	\$1,041

Georgia - South Carolina Conference

Ambrose, Christian	60
Atlanta, Center	180
Atlanta, Central	2,000
Barnesville, Fredonia	120
Baxley, Friendship	180
Bowman, Liberty	30
Braselton, Macedonia	24
Bristol, Antioch	24
Buford, Duncan's Creek	36
Chipley, Oak Grove	240
Columbus, First (North Highland)	132
Columbus, United*	65
Crest, Hebron	144
Demorest, Federated	400
Doerun, New Light*	8
Doerun, Poplar Arbor	60
Douglas, First	36
Enigma, Christian	75
Fort Valley, First*	11
Fort Valley, Society Hill	48
Gaillard, Pleasant Hill	50
Hampton, County Line	60
LaGrange, United	1,300
Meansville, Congregational*	36
Meansville, Liberty Chapel*	20
Oxford, Sardis	100
Pearson, Union Hill	200
Richland, First	60
Richland, Providence Chapel	30
The Rock, Bethany	24
Tifton, First	96
Tifton, Vanceville	100
Waycross, Williams Chapel	180
Woodbury, Jones Chapel	120
Charleston, S. C., Circular	880

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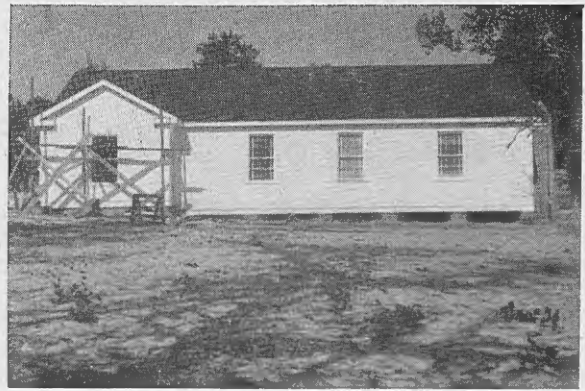
Pictured above is a part of the congregation of the Mt. Lebanon Church of Steele, Ala., which met with Supt. Butterfield the afternoon of Nov. 14 to discuss plans for the building of a new church. The church was organized in 1905 and the present building is more than 40 years old.

Present plans call for the construction of a cement block building 36' x 50' which will provide a sanctuary and more adequate church school facilities. The cost will approximate \$7,500. Construction is to begin at once. The Rev. E. H. Smith is presently serving as pastor.

GREETINGS FROM LORETTA

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everything . . . their love of homeland, and gracious simple ways, just makes me admire them sincerely. I am learning the national dialogue-- Tagalog. They say my pronunciation is very good and that I will learn quickly. I love to speak the little I know to the four Filipino internes from Manila who are my teachers."



The new addition of three Sunday School rooms to the Fort Valley, Society Hill Church (new in 1953) is now nearing completion. Classes are being held in the classrooms each Sunday, even though they are not completely finished. The beauty of our church has also been enhanced by the addition of a brick entryway in the front. Society Hill is continuing to grow under the leadership of the Rev. Woodrow Dorsey, and the congregation voted to contribute 10% of their budget to Our Christian World Mission.

Mrs. T. B. Jackson, Clerk

The Christmas message means most to those who practice its good will



Pictured above is the choir of the LaGrange United Church. In the foreground are the Rev. John E. Pickens, Jr., pastor; Hollis Tidwell, choir and music director; and Mrs. Hollis Tidwell.

Church News

The Church of Seman is proud of the progress it has made this year. Our half-time worship service has shown that all congregations will work more for the Lord when they have two Sundays instead of one. We have had large attendance, for which we are very thankful.

Our Sunday School is still doing good work. Superintendent Jack Stearns is really showing that a young man (just 15 years old) can fill that office. We organized a Bible Class for adults recently with nine members present. The teacher is Mrs. Roy Butler with Mrs. Maggie Edwards as her assistant. The other three classes are planning the Christmas program, each class having a short play.

Our monthly singing service has been set for the Saturday night before each third Sunday. We invite all lovers of Gospel singing to come and join with us.

Our church sign has been finished and hung, and the new radio station in Wetumpka, WETU, has been doing us a great favor by announcing our church services.

We had a Stanley Party recently, receiving \$6.10 worth of equipment to use in keeping our church clean, and we intend to do just that.

Inside our church you will find a friendly welcome, happiness and love for all who enter.

Mrs. Fannie Mae Brown, reporter

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Shawmut Todd Church had a full day Oct. 17. This being Laymen's Sunday, one of our laymen, Mack McCullars, led in the Worship Service and his sermon topic was "Our Price of Inheritance". We had several visitors present to hear him.

In the afternoon the congregation met at the church for the Presentation Service issuing our pastor, the Rev. E. S. Fetner, special license to further his work in the ministry. Honored guests taking part in the program were Dean Van Cleave, Rev. Carl Landes, Rev. J. D. Dollar and Rev. Goff Bedford.

In the evening we had a Song Service with several good leaders and a pianist present. We were especially happy to have the valley's own Silvertone Quartet and the house full of friends who came to sing and worship with us.

The Pilgrim Fellowship had as their speaker on this evening, Mr. W. C. Edge from LaFayette.

On Oct. 24 at four o'clock in the afternoon Miss Betty Jean Fetner, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Fetner, and I.C.F.N. Earl Hood, son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Hood of Lanett, were married by the bride's father, the Rev. Fetner, at Todd Church. The groom was on leave from San Diego, Calif.

That evening an Ordination Service for the Deacons of Todd Church was held with Rev. J. D. Dollar conducting the service. Those ordained were Mack McCullars, George Hammock, Burson Moore, J. W. Burson and Howard Strength.

Mrs. Howard Strength, reporter

An inspiring and impressive ceremony of installation of new officers for the Women's Auxiliary of Sardis Church, Oxford, Ga., was held at the evening worship service on Nov. 7. Mrs. Albert Strickland, the first retiring president of this active group, presided over the ceremony.

The golden cross on the Altar was flanked by burning cathedral candles and arrangements of white roses, lending an air of reverence to the program. Colorful chrysanthemums were used on the piano and the registry. Music for this occasion was furnished by the pastor and his wife, Mr. Morris serving as organist while Mrs. Morris accompanied at the piano.

After the invocation by the pastor, Mrs. Jack Hinton led the responsive reading. Mrs. J. B. Henderson gave the welcome address to the families and friends of the auxiliary. Mrs. Roy Martin gave an excellent report on the work of the auxiliary for the past year.

Mrs. J. V. Garner introduced the outgoing and incoming officers to the church. The 1953-54 officers were Mrs. Albert Strickland, president; Mrs. J. V. Garner, vice-president; Mrs. Roy Martin, secretary-treasurer. The 1954-55 officers include Mrs. Thomas Henderson, president; Mrs. J. V. Garner, vice-president; and Mrs. J. B. Henderson, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Morris gave the charge to the new officers.

Mrs. Strickland spoke on "Women of the Church As Work Leaders". Her address was inspiring and made each one conscious of the fine work this organization has done in behalf of the church. Mrs. Thomas Henderson spoke on "Women of the Church As Spiritual Leaders". As a symbol of the "work" that women do for the church, Mrs. Strickland placed a large candle in the center of the altar. As a symbol of the spiritual leadership, Mrs. Henderson lit the candle. From this great candle which they called "Service and Faith", all the auxiliary members came forward and lit their small candles and took their stations on either side of the altar. The spirit of the service reached its climax when, with only the flickering candles to light the sanctuary and the beautiful painting of Sallman's "Head of Christ" the focal point of the scene, the auxiliary sang "The Light of the World is Jesus". After a few moments of silent meditation the pastor, Scott Morris, Jr., gave the final blessing.

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The Dadeville Elder Church observed Universal Bible Sunday on Dec. 5 with a special program during the Sunday School worship service. Sermon topic for the morning service was "Is the Bible Out of Date?"

The young people of the church have been organized and are meeting regularly, with Mrs. Rose Ingram as adult sponsor for the Pilgrim Fellowship. The PF participated in the Share Our Surplus special project.

Donald J. Ross, pastor

W. P. Ingram, member of the Birmingham Pilgrim Church, was guest speaker at a Pilgrim Fellowship meeting at the **Garden City Church** in November. The congregation was invited to attend. Mr. Ingram spoke on "History and Beliefs of the Congregational Church". After the meeting refreshments were served at the parsonage by the PF group.

Work Day for Christ was observed by members of the Garden City PF, and they raised \$9.

Recreation for November was a trip to the Ritz theatre to see the movie "Magnificent Obsession" from the book by L. C. Douglas. Members of the club were taken in cars driven by the Rev. Annie Campbell and Mrs. Hermon Seibert, and all enjoyed the trip.

A choir was recently begun by the young people and a few adult members of the church. They meet each Tuesday night for practice. The congregation is well pleased by such immediate results.

A series of filmstrips is being shown on Sunday nights at the church, the purpose being to train the teachers of Sunday School classes for better teaching and to train the young people who are the future teachers. Mountain Grove and Garden City churches are cooperating in working this out. Two films were shown last Sunday night: "Leads to Leadership" and "The Great Adventure". Dr. Colbert, pastor of Mountain Grove Church, and the Rev. Campbell are using these in the classes.

The Garden City Church is proud to have recently installed a large circulating natural gas heater in the main part of the building and small heaters in two of the Sunday School rooms.

Miss Dora Brackin and Mrs. Ruben Word of the Blackwood Church of Headland, were recently overnight guests of our pastor, Miss Campbell.

Iris Kretzschmar, reporter

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The **Lanett Highway Church** is proud of the recently completed garage and laundry for the parsonage. We have also purchased a new carpet and draperies for the church.

Plans are under way for the Christmas program and tree. Mrs. Joe Harper, Mrs. J. P. Williamson, Noel Allen and Charles McClure are on the committee.

The laymen of our church have purchased 100 new songbooks. We are very proud of the fine work our laymen are doing, and you should hear them sing!

The Women's Fellowship enjoyed a delightful Thanksgiving Supper on Nov. 30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Stephens. The following persons enjoyed the occasion: Mr. and Mrs. Ellic Brown, Mrs. Merrill Parrish, Mrs. Mary Camp, Mr. and Mrs. U. E. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Allen and son, Mrs. Donald Wright and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ferrell, Mrs. Mildred Hamby and son, Mrs. George Crenshaw, Philip Crenshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smoot and sons, Mrs. Tommy Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Yarbrough, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. John Vickers, Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Paschal, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith and son, Mr. and Mrs. Thelbert

Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Ragland, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brand, Miss Gladys Brand, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Stephens.

Noel Allen, reporter

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Dignity and reverence pervaded the Sunday morning service at the Lanett Church on Oct. 31, when a dedication for an offering and clothing for overseas relief was observed. Over \$200 was dedicated for the "Share Our Surplus" project, and over 200 pounds of clothing contributed. Along with the ushers bearing the regular offering came representatives from the adult and children's department bearing the special offerings and clothing for the dedicatory prayer.

The union service was held on the fifth Sunday evening at the Disciples of Christ Church, with our church and the Methodists participating.

World Community Day was observed by the local council of churches on Nov. 5. We were host on this occasion. Mrs. Dorothy S. Reiss of Southern Union College was the guest speaker. Mrs. Reiss has traveled in 16 countries and has served on the Christian Service Committee to assist in selecting displaced persons to be sponsored by the churches. She is a very gifted and charming speaker with so much to tell. We were most fortunate to have her and she was enthusiastically received. Already plans are being formulated by several groups to have her return.

Recent speakers for the Laymen's Fellowship have been Rev. Nolan, pastor of the Langdale Methodist Church, Rev. Granade, pastor of the Huguley Baptist Church, and W. L. Ray, layman of the local Methodist Church. Laymen from Todd Church were guests on the night Mr. Granade spoke. Coffee and doughnuts were served before the meeting.

Work Day for Christ was observed by our young people this year for the first time. This has proven a fine experience for them and their PF now means more to them. An interesting program was held recently in Pilgrim Fellowship. A panel was formed by three laymen-- Herman Cook, Arthur Dailey and S. W. Seymour. The young people asked questions from the Book of Matthew. Everyone seemed to enjoy it immensely.

Mrs. A. D. Harry, reporter

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The Senior Pilgrim Fellowship of **Andalusia, Antioch Church** enjoyed a very pleasant and profitable Work Day for Christ on Oct. 23. The money was dedicated in the Sunday morning service and sent to the Convention office for Our Christian World Mission. Following the regular Fifth Sunday fellowship dinner at the church, they presented a Reformation Day program, using a radio drama entitled "The Hammer of the Reformation". That evening they took the same program to the First Church of Andalusia, to share with the PF group there. Recently they have begun a series of weekly meetings studying the origin, beliefs, and practices of denominations found in our area. The series began with a study of historic Congregationalism. Their "project for the month" has been school supplies for overseas, and their "project for the year" is the purchase of a 16mm sound movie projector for the church.

The Junior PF had charge of the Thanksgiving service on Wednesday night prior to Thanksgiving Day. The group wrote the prayer used in the service and helped to choose and organize materials for the entire program. The offering was sent to the Convention office and marked for the "Share Our Surplus" program.

Officers recently elected in the Senior PF are: Joe Royce Adams, president (Joe is also president of Alabama PF); Winnie M. Baisden, vice-president; Billie Etta Wilkerson, recording secretary; Loretta Merrill, worship chairman; Shelby Jean Hemby, project chairman; Mary E. Thresher, recreation chairman.

At the completion of our Every Member Canvass there is good indication that Antioch Church is ready for the challenge outlined in the program for the year ahead. The cooperation of the canvassers and the response of the membership signify spiritual strength and progressive outlook.

Much repair and remodeling has been done on the Antioch parsonage in the last four months. The kitchen has been completely modernized, tile has been laid in the bathroom, and the interior has been painted. A new porch floor has brightened the front appearance. All work has been done by men and women of the church.

Raymond Berry, pastor

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The Mountain Creek Union Church is still making progress. We have added another new member to the church roll.

On the third Sunday in October a fellowship meal was spread at the church and tremendously enjoyed. Some land has been donated by Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Esco for needed parking space, and the county road machine scraped and leveled the ground, greatly improving the appearance of the church surroundings.

The Sunday School purchased two pictures, and one was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McInnes Jr., adding to the interior of the church.

Mrs. Leonard Smith
and Mrs. Sam Johnson, Jr.

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The Baxley Friendship Church has been very active for the past two months. A new gas floor heater has been installed and new pews purchased for the church.

Wilfordine Royal, South Georgia's Pilgrim Fellowship president, and Don Smiley, state representative, attended the Southeast Convention Christian Education and Youth Work meeting held in Lanett, Oct. 18-19. The PF has sent in an offering of \$30 to Our Christian World Mission. They have also bought 50 song books for the church, and a desk, draperies and pictures for the PF room. The PF has furnished Wilfordine with about \$15 worth of materials to help in her work as president. Adult leaders are Mr. and Mrs. Troy Beach and Mr. and Mrs. Loma Perry.

The Rev. and Mrs. Hobbs entertained the members of Friendship Church at their home in Waycross on Sunday afternoon recently. An afternoon of fellowship and music was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Hobbs served refreshments on the lawn.

All have received many blessings from God

during the past ten day revival meeting. We had as visiting evangelists the Reverends Earl Hand, Cy. Stephenson, Frank Barnard, W. C. Carpenter, and Elzie Carter.

Mrs. W. C. Mincey, reporter

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The First Church of Evarts held a Community Thanksgiving Service on Nov. 25, inviting all the people of Evarts to meet and worship together. The Thanksgiving offering was divided among the churches participating: the Evarts Methodist Church, the Evarts Nazarene Church, the Evarts Baptist Church, and the Evarts First Congregational Christian. The Thanksgiving sermon, "Merciful Thankfulness", was given by the Rev. Cecil Peacock of the Baptist Church; the prayer was by the Rev. Zora Pettit of the Nazarene Church and special music was given by the Pettit family. Mr. Roy Kelly of the Methodist Church gave the scripture lesson and the Rev. Collie Seymour gave the benediction.

The Evarts Church also participated in a religious census taken in September by the various church groups. A Potluck Fellowship dinner was held in the recreation room of the church that evening of Sept. 23 in connection with the religious census and the Every Member Canvass to be made later. The filmstrip "Our Day of Decision", depicting the program, needs and responsibilities of our Southeast Convention, was shown.

The pastor, Rev. Seymour, several delegates and members of the church attended the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference held in Corbin, Oct. 9-10. They reported a fine conference and splendid fellowship.

Oct. 24 through Oct. 29 our pastor conducted a revival on the theme "Our Pilgrim Faith". The purpose was to deepen and strengthen the faith of church members and lead people to membership in the church for Christian development and service. There were three additions to the church during the week's services.

Following a meeting of the nominating committee, officers of the church for the coming year were elected Oct. 31 at a business meeting after church services.

The basement, kitchen and basement classrooms have taken on a new look after the paint job done by the men of our church.

Mrs. J. H. Turner, Mrs. W. E. Peiro and Mrs. E. L. Vaughn assisted Mrs. Seymour with the Thrift Shop during October. Proceeds from the shop increase each month.

Women's Fellowship

Circle No. 1 WMS elected officers for the coming year at their October meeting: Mrs. J. H. Turner, re-elected president; Mrs. W. E. Peirce, vice-president; Mrs. Connor Linkous, re-elected secretary; Mrs. E. L. Vaughn re-elected treasurer.

The Lois Vincent Society elected officers in October also: Miss Virginia Peirce, president; Miss Minnie Griggs, secretary; Mrs. Dennis Ball, re-elected treasurer.

Pilgrim Fellowship

The young people of our church took jobs on Oct. 23 to participate in Work Day for Christ, giv-

ing their earnings to Our Christian World Mission through the Convention office. The PF group had much fun at their Hallowe'en party, Oct. 29 in the recreation room of the church.

Mrs. N. B. Smith, reporter

Ky.-Tenn. PF Meeting

The Kentucky-Tennessee Pilgrim Fellowship met Oct. 9 at Corbin, Ky. The president, Sandra Mason of Stearns, presided over the meeting with the assistance of the Rev. Hugh Lassiter, our Tennessee advisor. Twenty-two young people from nine different churches were present.

The goals, as set up at our summer conference at Pomona, were read and discussed. It was found that few of our churches have met these goals.

Pilgrim Fellowship Previews, Guide Books, and pamphlets discussing Work Day for Christ were given to the representatives present.

Sandra told us about the meeting of the Christian Education Committee in Lanett, Ala., and the following suggestions were made for discussion: (1) The publishing of a pamphlet containing a list of available films, booklets, recreational books, program material, etc., which would be useful to PF groups. (2) More correspondence should be carried on between state officers and local PF groups. (3) More PF news should be sent to the Southeast News, and a yearly report should also be sent.

It was decided that we needed a reporter, and Iris Cole from Pleasant Hill was elected. It was voted unanimously to have a young people's rally some time this winter or next spring to discuss the special needs of each PF group. The officers were asked to plan a place to meet. A committee consisting of Cary Brown, Chattanooga; Iris Cole, Pleasant Hill; Suzanne Teague, Soddy; and Jackie Griswold, Daisy, was asked to plan the program of this rally. The meeting was then adjourned.

Iris Cole, reporter



On Oct. 17 the Junior Pilgrim Fellowship of the East Tallassee Church spent a busy day--their Work Day for Christ. They met early and worked hard at cleaning yards, washing dishes, mopping floors, baby-sitting, cleaning blinds and many other jobs. After the busy day their leaders, Mrs. Miriam Fralic, Edward Story and the pastor, the Rev. Herbert Long, entertained them with a Halloween party. There they counted their earnings-- \$22.00.

Sunday night at the morning worship, along with the Senior Fellowship, they humbly dedicated the money. At the close of the busy weekend, with blistered hands and sunburned faces, they were happy they could do their bit for Christ.

Tried and Tested Ideas

(Adapted from Mrs. Howard Stone Anderson's article in ADVANCE for the women of the Southeast Convention by Mary Margaret Smoot and Pauline Slater.)

Spiritual Life and Evangelism Committee: Suggests to the women a worship booklet available from the National Council, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., price \$1.25. Calls on elderly members and shut-ins regularly, giving a short devotional in their homes.

Christian Education Committee: Encourages the women to provide "camperships" for junior and senior high young people; scholarships for church school teachers to attend workshops and training institutes; partial scholarships for college students. Arranges for book displays at special meetings. Prepares and distributes list of pre-Christmas and pre-Lenten books for sale. Establishes a lending library. Solicits subscriptions to *Southeast News*, *Advance* and other denominational literature. Sponsors (or works with the church school) the Daily Vacation Bible School. Acts as "overseer" for the cleaning, storing and repairing of choir robes for the children.

Friendly Service Committee: (Local and Worldwide) Displays Friendly Service articles and dedicates these at a special service. Enlists the support of all the church members in Friendly Service projects. The chairman arranges to have a different person responsible for supplying the church with flowers each month or week, and arranges flowers on Saturday to avoid Sunday morning confusion. A flower calendar may be posted in the church vestibule and "memorials" requested.

Stewardship Committee: Concerns itself with money to be raised by pledges and, if necessary, dues. So called "money-making devices" are discouraged. Encourages all women of the church to participate in the Woman's Gift. Includes in the budget expense money for properly elected delegates to attend denominational meetings.

Social Action Committee: (Or Christian Citizenship Committee), Provides for a specific number of yearly meetings; schedules at least one open meeting with special speaker; encourages members to read *Social Action* magazine.

Our Christian World Mission Committee: Encourages the women to acquaint themselves with and to support the work of the American Board, the Board of Home Missions, the Council for Social Action and the Congregational Christian Service Committee. Encourages the reading of the denominational mission study books.

Publicity Committee: Sends all news items to the local papers and the *Southeast News* and keeps a scrapbook of all women's events reported.

Program Committee: (With above named committee chairmen as members) Plans program on major emphases of the church such as missions, social action, church building, Our Christian

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Work Day For Christ

Pilgrim Fellowship groups which have sent in money designated for the Work Day for Christ project through November 30 are listed below:

Pleasant Hill Community	\$ 51.00
Evarts, First	8.00
Chipleigh, Oak Grove	5.55
Doerun, Poplar Arbro	3.25
Robbins, Barton Chapel	8.25
Deer Lodge	12.50
Roanoke, Rock Stand	41.76
Andalusia, Antioch	16.00
East Tallassee, Liberty	22.00
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Convocation and Pastors' School

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for worship under the direction of President Flannery. The climax of each day was a worship service conducted by Professor Carl Landes of Southern Union, with a sermon by some outstanding preacher. Among the guest preachers were the Rev. E. L. McFee (Methodist) of Roanoke, Ala.; the Rev. T. M. Hamby (Baptist) of Lanett, Ala.; the Rev. Robert Yoh (Congregational) of the Southern Union College staff; and the Rev. F. J. Mehrtens (Evangelical and Reformed) of Cullman.

Men enrolled in the formal class work will continue their study by correspondence, completing the course just prior to the next Convocation and Training School scheduled for May 1955.

The expenses for this valuable ministerial program are cared for by the fees paid by the participants, the Convention Committee on the Ministry, and a contribution of \$250 from the Board of Home Missions.

World Mission. Programs are not secular nor patterned after the "woman's club".

House Committee: Makes a yearly inventory of the kitchen and dining room equipment, makes recommendations for purchasing new equipment and arranges for cleaning and other needs.

Hospitality Committee: The chairman secures hostesses for all church functions-- works in newcomers which helps acquaint them to the group; one person acts as reservation chairman, and also arranges for cars to bring new people or the aged to meetings.

Membership Committee: Honors new women with corsages, or at a special luncheon has a "newcomers' table". Committee secures names of prospective members from the minister and calls on them.

Telephone Squad: Membership is divided among committee members who call absentees, make calls for special occasions or emergencies.

The Golden Rule

(In ten of the world's great religions)

Christianity: "... All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them. . ."

Confucianism: "Do not unto others what you would not they should do unto you."

Buddhism: "In five ways should a clansman minister to his friends and familiars-- by generosity, courtesy and benevolence, by treating them as he treats himself, and by being as good as his word."

Hinduism: "Do not to others, which if done to thee, would cause thee pain."

Mohammedanism: "No one of you is a believer until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself."

Sikhism: "As thou deemest thyself so deem others. Then shalt thou become a partner in heaven."

Hebraism: "What is hurtful to yourself, do not to your fellow man."

Jainism: "In happiness and suffering, in joy and grief, we should regard all creatures as we regard our own self."

Zoroastrianism: "That nature only is good when it shall not do unto another whatever is not good for its own self."

Taoism: "Regard your neighbor's gain as your own gain and regard your neighbor's loss as your own loss."

"OUR DECISION"

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Kentucky - Tennessee Conference

Corbin, Ky., Pilgrim	120
Evarts, Ky., First (Community)	250
Stearns, Ky., Community*	9
Chattanooga, Tenn., Pilgrim*	1,968
Crossville, Tenn., First	264
Daisy, Tenn., Community	120
Deer Lodge, Glenmary, Barton Chapel	160
Memphis, First*	720
Nashville, Brookmeade*	
Pleasant Hill, Community	450
Soddy, First*	125
(1953 - \$3,983)	\$4,196

(* beside a church indicates that, for one reason or another, the church has not sent in its Decision Card, and so 1953 giving was used to approximate totals for 1954-55. It is anticipated that when all churches have sent in cards the totals will be increased.)

Cards received from 91 of the 120 churches, for a Grand Total of \$19,311. (1953 total was \$12,919).